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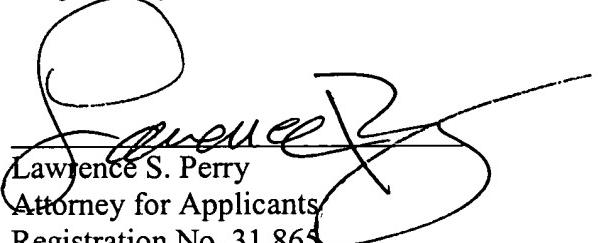
In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner required that Applicants elect for prosecution one of the inventions among Groups I-VII noted on page 2 of the Office Action. In response, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, namely Claims 1-27, drawn to bicyclic pyrimidine derivatives.

Also, the Examiner is requiring that Applicants select for search a single species of m, n and moiety (i)-(iv) as noted at page 4 of the Office Action. In response, Applicants hereby select species wherein m=1, n=2 and R² represents the moiety (ii) as defined in claim 1.

Entry hereof is earnestly solicited.

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